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Council approves six per cent parking fee increase

Nine-vote difference in favour of motion

BY ADAM GILES

Next year, UTM will house more students, fewer parking spots, and higher parking fees.

Last Thursday, the Erindale College Council (ECC) voted in favour of a proposal to increase all UTM parking fees by six per cent next year.

Understanding your parking fees

	This Year	Next Year
Non-reserved permits	$237	$251
Reserved permits	$288	$305
Full-day (cash)	$6.25	$6.75
Half-day (cash)	$4.00	$4.25

The proposal, which had already been approved by the College Affairs Board, passed by a vote of 32-23. Christine Capewell, Director of Business Services, who drafted the parking budget, said that the six per cent hike, which raises the price for reserved passes by $17 and unreserved passes by $14, is necessary because of decreased parking revenues and increased parking expenses.

"We had a zero per cent increase this year, but we still had to pay some bills. Our revenue is lower than last year and our expenses have gone up," said Capewell.

Capewell's proposal says the increase is also necessary to cover the $60,000 it will cost to expand parking lot six – the Residence lot.

Capewell cited salary increases, price increases by suppliers, and inflation as reasons for this year's slip in financial position.

"The bottom line is that we are in a worse position than last year," she said.

Capewell's budget shows decreased revenues from yearly parking permits, daily parking permits, and 'investment income.' Capewell's budget shows increased expenses from 'Salaries, Wages, and Benefits,' parking attendant fees, and maintenance costs.

Student leaders are disappointed with the outcome for several reasons, including the knowledge that there will be more students on campus next year because of the start of the Communications, Culture and Information Technology (CCIT) programme.

Plus, before the start of the 2001-2002 academic year, construction will have begun on the Phase Seven Residence building and the CCIT building, leaving UTM with fewer

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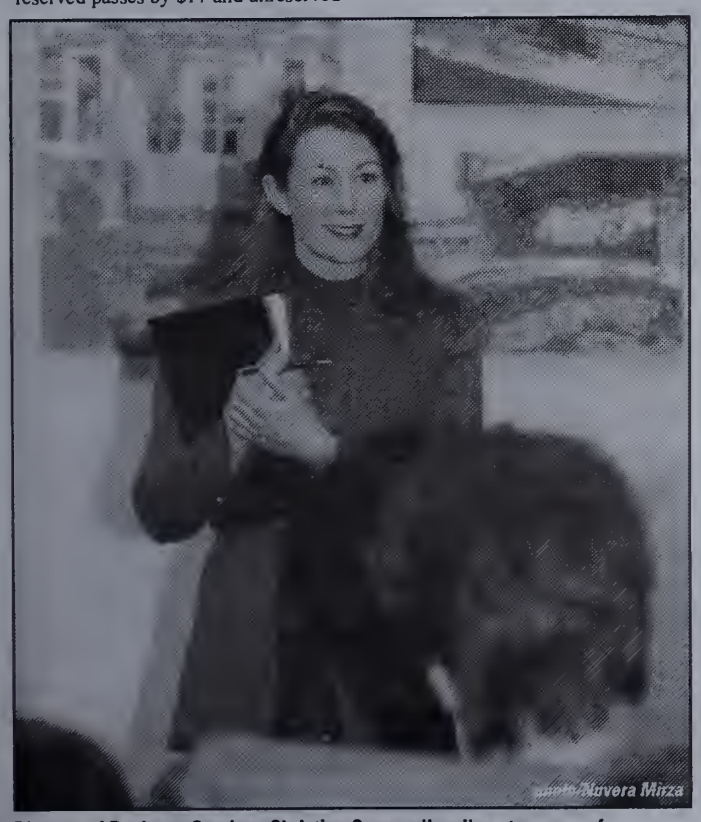
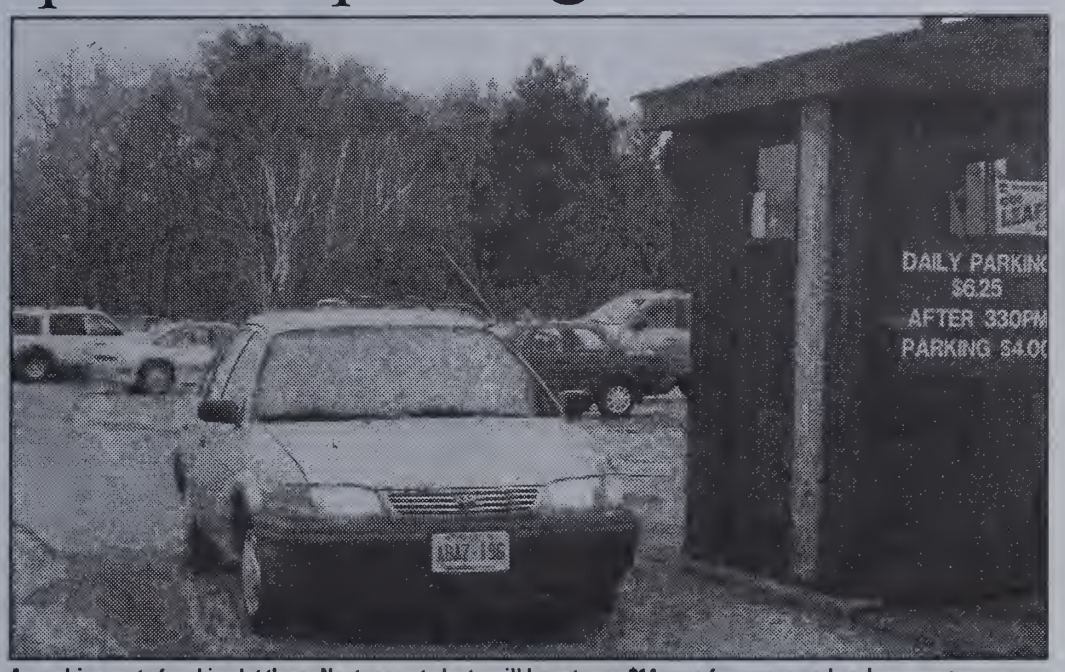


Director of Business Services Christine Capewell smiles at a group of dissatisfied students at last Thursday's meeting of the Erindale College Council.



A car drives out of parking lot three. Next year, students will have to pay $14 more for unreserved parking permits, despite the upcoming decrease in the number of spots available and increase in the number of students enrolled at UTM. Good old UTM. *photo/Nuvera Mirza*

Corporate signage in SC still unchanged

BY JOHANNA KRISTOLAITIS

The deadline for changing the corporate signage in the Student Centre is more flimsy than the semi-adhesive lettering on some of the signs.

When walking through the Student Centre, there is no doubt as to who has sponsored the various rooms. "Square One Presentation Room" and other such signs are displayed prominently on the windows in large yellow letters. But that is going to change. In fact, it should have been changed by now.

When the signage first appeared last year, student leaders voiced their opposition, saying that there shouldn't be corporate names or logos plastered all over a student building. In September, the signs remained intact because of delays on the part of the designers.

"We were told everything would be complete by Christmas at the latest," said Diana Borowski, Director of Public Relations at UTM.

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Student service budgets request restructuring

Career Centre wants more money, UTM bus may lose downtown subsidy

BY ADAM GILES

The University of Toronto at Mississauga's (UTM's) Career Centre presented its budget at last week's Quality Service to Students (QSS) meeting and announced that it will request more money from students next year.

Manager of the UTM Career Centre Joan McCurdy-Myers said that the centre will ask all full-time students for five dollars more per year and all part-time students for a proportionately similar increase. Myers cited several reasons the centre needs the extra money, including:

– Increasing the number of special events and employer sessions.
– Hiring student staff.
– Maintaining the increased number of resume and cover letter critique sessions.
– Increasing the number of one-on-one counselling sessions.

Full-time UTM students currently pay $51.69 to the Career Centre – part-time students pay about one-third of that. If passed, the Career Centre would collect about $30,000 more from their student service fee – their only source of revenue. In order to afford hiring more professional and student staff, the centre also plans to cut back on costs like supplies and resource materials.

"If we want to hire more staff, we have to find ways to cut costs elsewhere. We have no base budget – our budget is entirely funded by student fees," said McCurdy-Myers.

ECSU President Preena Chauhan said she likes what the Career Centre has been doing this year and thinks that they deserve more money from UTM students.

"I am very impressed with the Career Centre this year. I am probably

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"I don't think you can justify a fee increase for a service that is actually going to be worse next year"

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Parking fees to rise by six per cent starting next year

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parking spaces.

"My biggest concern is that we're not going to see an increase in service – we're actually going to see a decrease in service. I don't think you can justify a fee increase for a service that is actually going to be worse next year," said Preena Chauhan, ECSU President.

"I think students would be able to relate to an increased fee if they could see an increase in service. I think if there was a new lot created or something, anything, it could be justified. But from the feedback that we (ECSU) have heard, everyone was asking what they're getting for their six per cent more. Students need to be able to see where their money is going. There were some explanations about where the extra money would go, but it's not going to solve the grief. This effects every commuter student."

SAC Erindale director Christopher Allsop said, "It's unfortunate that we as commuters will have to pay an increased price. It is my hope that in the future, administration would look at other ways of subsidizing parking costs and determine if all the funds are being spent efficiently."

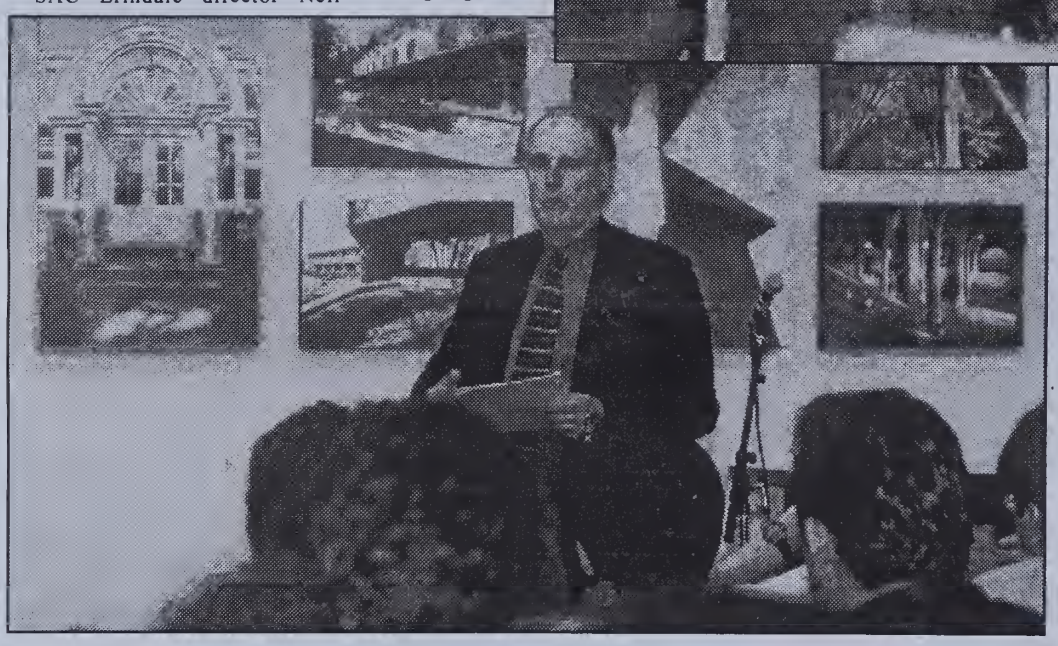
SAC Erindale director Neil Menezes said, "It's a touchy subject. Ever since I got here in first year, parking fees have always been on the rise. They're ridiculously high now. Realistically, six per cent isn't that much, but when you add it to all the other fee increases, students really notice it. If we had voted the motion down, administration would have come back again next year with a proposal for a higher increase."

Phase Seven will likely consume the entire Residence parking lot (lot six) and the CCIT building will consume roughly 100 spaces of parking lot three.

Capewell said UTM plans to extend lot six to compensate for the lost residence lot, and to reschedule classes to compensate for the lost spots on lot three. But Capewell said that UTM isn't sure exactly how many parking spots the CCIT building will take up.

"We're going on our best guess now. It depends on how the architects design the building. It's a moving target – one month, we'll ask them for an estimate and they'll give us a number. The next month, when they're further along with the design, they'll give us a different estimate."

photos/Nuvera Mirza



Top: A jam packed parking lot. Expect to see a lot of these next year.
Middle: A sea of students raise their hands in the air to vote against the six per cent parking increase.
Bottom: Principal Robert McNutt squeezes in another power nap, while delivering a response to a student question.

When asked why students should feel confident that rescheduling classes will be able to adequately compensate for the spots lost to the CCIT building, when nobody knows how many spots the building will consume, Capewell said, "It's a commitment on the part of the deans and Mark [Overton – UTM Registrar]. Mark and the deans are all well aware of the situation. The expansion of lot four is also a possibility if it's deemed necessary. We're not committed to expanding lot four yet but we have that idea in the back of our minds. Our best guess is 100 spaces lost. We are confident that rescheduling classes can compensate for the lost spots. Our intention is also to build new spaces in the future between parking structures and underground lots."

McNutt then stood up and said, "We're rescheduling classes for two reasons: to help resolve the parking issue and the issue of classroom availability. I have yet to see the back of lot four full, so we do have some slack to work with."

At the meeting, Academic Workshop Supervisor John Malcolm said he was concerned that not all money collected from parking goes back into parking – he was concemed that a large portion of money collected from parking goes into the UTM's operating budget.

"So much of the money from the budget goes into the operating budget of the university. It's totally unfair that this happens and I really encourage Principal McNutt and the deans to seriously think about this," he said.

Capewell's budget shows that the 2000-2001 forecasted surplus, after subtracting all expenses from total revenues, is $496,145.

UTM then takes $540,000 from the parking budget for its own operating budget – leaving an overall loss in the parking budget and decreasing the campus' parking contingency fund by $43,855.

This would leave UTM with a contingency fund of $100,309, down from last year's fund of $144,164.

Capewell said the contingency fund, which is held to fund unforeseen problems, should not fall below $100,000.

"This is the lowest our contingency fund has ever been. $100,000 is a conservative number. This is a bare bones budget – it allows us to offer the current services for not too much of an increase," she said.

On top of all of this, Capewell's budget includes a proposal for a four per cent increase in parking fees for 2002-2003 "and annually thereafter."

The proposal says "this increase is required for lot maintenance, anticipated salary increases, and supplier price increases."

Capewell said, "We're not committing to the four per cent increases in subsequent years. Those projections are just the numbers that I see for the future."

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UTM's three deans tweak curriculum for 2001-2002

BY MARYAM SADEGHI

Students who have attended the Erindale College Council (ECC) meetings may already be aware of the curriculum changes for the 2001-2002 academic year. Each year course changes are made in Humanities, Social Sciences and the Sciences. The changes, minor or major, are presented before the Erindale College Council, where students are also able to put forth their ideas and thoughts.

The main reason for curriculum changes is to improve programs of study, by providing more choices and opportunities to students. The major changes that are taking place in the division of Humanities next year are associated with German studies, whose title is being changed from *German Language and Literature Programme* to *German Studies Programme*. Another major change for German studies is the reinstitution of the major program, which will require seven full courses for a B.A.

Enrolment in the major programs is open to students who have successfully completed four courses and who have the required competence in German. Students without OAC German should arrange their

Robert Baker: Dean of Sciences.

courses in consultation with the Department.

Another major change in German studies reflects the changes proposed by St. George, which will split almost all "Y" courses into "H" courses plus add and delete some other courses.

Due to the hiring of new faculty members, changes will also occur in other areas of study. However, some programs, such as Classics, English, Philosophy and Religion, will not undergo any change.

Associate Dean of Humanities Michael Lettieri believes that the reason for these curriculum changes is "to provide greater choice for students."

"We always keep the students in mind, because we want to offer them the very best. We want to enhance their learning experience and at the same time strengthen the academic programs," said Lettieri.

The major change taking place in the division of Sciences is in Chemistry. The change underlines the addition of a new specialist program in Biomolecular Chemistry.

Another interesting addition to the division of Sciences is a minor program in Psychology, which had not been available at Erindale before. Professor John Percy of the Astronomy department has created a minor program in Science Evolution. Dr. Percy's minor program will include such learning experiences as science education seminars, guest speakers, and student presentations. It will possibly give students the opportunity to be involved with scientific education at the senior and secondary school level.

The Department of Statistics will add a new course called 'Mathematics of Investment and Credit' (ACT240H). Dean of Sciences Robert Baker predicts that "a lot of students would be interested in the course."

Terry Ducshen, a new faculty member hired last year, will teach this course.

There are not any particularly dramatic changes taking place in the division of Social Sciences.

"They are just fine-tunings," said the Dean of Social Sciences Gary Crawford.

Similar to the divisions of Humanities and the Sciences, some courses in various programs will be added and deleted. Some changes, such as in Geography and Sociology, come as a result of hiring new faculty members.

The focus and reasons for curriculum changes are the same for all three divisions at UTM. All three Associate Deans are interested in the student demands and the expansion of a greater learning experience.

"We always try to do better what we're already doing well, hoping to improve our ways," said Lettieri.

Crawford sees the changes as "an evolution of courses."

"Keeping the students in mind, we always try to offer them the current and the best, so when we see a need for change, we make them," said Baker.

Gary Crawford: Dean of Social Sciences.

Michael Lettieri: Dean of Humanities.

McNutt changes UTM e-mail system

BY ADAM GILES

After national publicity of an internal UTM e-mail message, Principal Robert McNutt has changed the campus' e-mail system.

In December, computer science professor Charles Rackoff sent an e-mail to all campus faculty and staff, telling everyone that he was "offended" by a UTM memorial service for the 14 women slain at Montreal's École Polytechnique in 1989. Rackoff's comments sparked an e-mail war on campus and found their way onto the front page of the Globe and Mail the next day.

University of Toronto President Robert Birgeneau quickly issued a public statement, saying that he did not agree with Rackoff's opinions, but that freedom of speech is vital to universities.

"[The Rackoff incident] spurred me to make the change. I'd actually been thinking about changing it for some time though," said McNutt.

At the start of the second semester, McNutt divided the old system into two parts: one that McNutt uses to send notices to all campus faculty and staff and one that all faculty and staff can use to message each other.

Under the old system, anyone could send a campus-wide e-mail by sending it to allfaculty@credit.erin.utoronto.ca and allstaff@credit.erin.utoronto.ca. But now, only McNutt will have the access to send e-mail to these addresses. And now, if faculty or staff want to send a campus-wide e-mail, they'll have to send it to erincomm@credit.erin.utoronto.ca.

"It is mandatory for all faculty and staff members at UTM to be a part of the system I use to send notices. It is not mandatory for them to be a part of the system where everyone sends messages back and forth," said McNutt.

"When I send a notice though, they can still hit the reply button and send a message back to me, but it won't be forwarded to everyone as it used to be. I don't want to shut people off from replying to me."

According to McNutt, "some faculty and staff asked me to separate what is important to the college and what can be left to discussion. The old way, it was too easy for people to send e-mails to everyone, and if they weren't important, then they'd just sit in people's accounts. In most companies or institutions, the CEO is the only one who is able to send e-mails to everyone."

McNutt said there have been no complaints with the new system, which does not effect students, but "there is some puzzlement though."

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Career Centre, UTM bus service look to solidify finances

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noticing it more because I'm in my last year, but it's been so in your face. They're very proactive. There's constant workshops. I think they're justified in asking for a five-dollar increase," said Chauhan.

"Everyone uses the Career Centre, or everyone should use the Career Centre. It's just a matter of knowing about it. I like the fact that they hire students – it gives more students opportunities to work on campus.

I had a good working discussion with Joan about concepts for next year, which also convinced me that investing in the Career Centre is worthwhile."

The Career Centre increased its fee by five dollars in 1998.

UTM Registrar Mark Overton said, "I think they've shown in the past two years what good improvements they can make for a five-dollar investment. I'm hoping students would have the confidence to deliver more."

Overton said that if QSS votes the motion down, the Career Centre can still file for a 'cost of living' increase.

"My understanding is that if a proposed fee increase is defeated or if no formal increase is brought forward, the service could apply for a cost of living increase," said Overton.

The QSS voting members will vote on the issue after another discussion on the topic at the March 1 meeting. If passed, the motion would go to the University Affairs (UA) board, which, according to Overton, "typically endorses QSS decisions."

St. George students to pay more for Erindale bus?

Another topic discussed at Thursday's QSS meeting was the possibility of increasing the Erindale bus fare for non-UTM students. The downtown campus has been discussing the possibility of removing the $2 fee per St. George student, which would eliminate $76,300 from the bus budget's revenue – there has been no formal decision yet.

St. George is arguing that all students shouldn't have to subsidize the Erindale bus since only a small number of downtown students travel to the suburban campus. To compensate for the loss in revenue, Christine Capewell, Director of Business Services at UTM, included a scenario on the bus budget where the non-UTM ticket price would rise from $3.50 to $4.75 – a 36 per cent increase. UTM students pay $1.75 per ticket for the bus.

"We're not too worried if St. George students stop coming to UTM," said Capewell, who stressed that the service runs at an optimum level when all of the busses are full.

"I think it's more than fair that non-UTM students pay their fair share and UTM students benefit from a subsidized fare," said UTM Registrar Mark Overton.

"We actually have non-UTM students coming in here [Registrarial Services] asking for UTM student IDs so they can benefit from a lower bus fare. I get a kick out of that."

At the QSS meeting, Director of UTM Residence Mike Lavelle said that if St. George decided to remove their Erindale bus service fee, it would set a dangerous precedent.

"It opens the door to all other student service fees being questioned," said Lavelle, who was concerned about a potential 'why should I pay if I don't use the service?' mentality.

"The issue is, if students are paying for something already, is it more likely that they'll take advantage of it? We have to ask, is it likely that the existence of the service will allow UTM students to perform better academically? I don't think we want to build a system where student services are all pay per use," said Overton.

"Some UTM students don't get a lot of value out of athletics at the downtown campus, but they still pay for it. But I think having that opportunity makes it worth it. But putting a dollar value to that is challenging."

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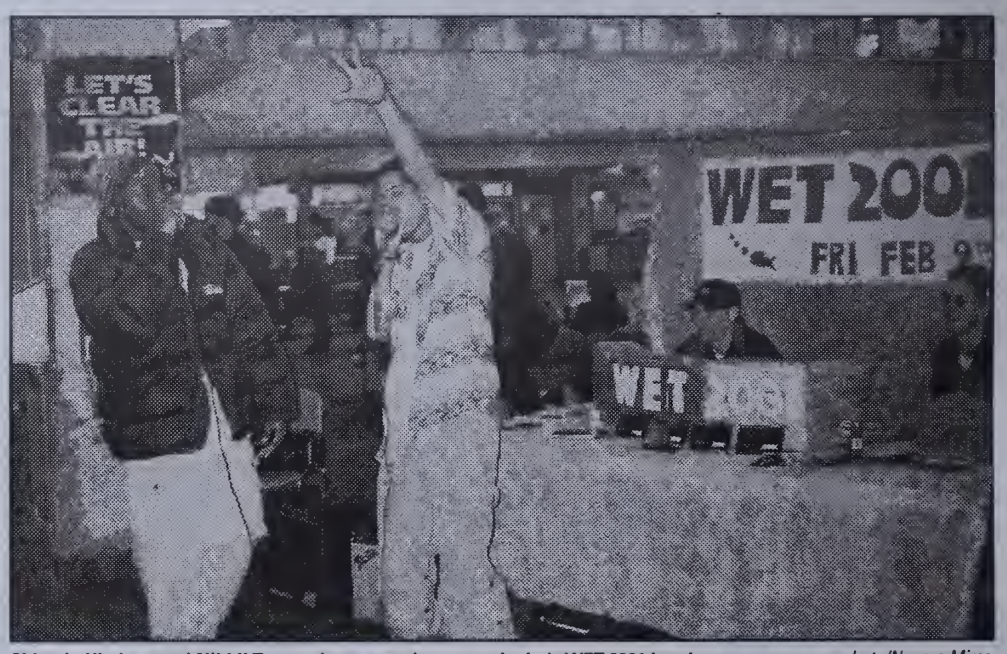

Chinedu Ukabam and Nikhil Tumne draw attention towards their WET 2001 booth. *photo/Nuvera Mirza*

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DRAW ON FEB 13th

Student Centre signage still up

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Unfortunately, mainly due to the cold weather hindering the re-gluing of outdoor signs, only half of the changes have been made.

As some students may have noticed, the donor wall outside has been redone and "The Student Centre" has been added at the top. The letters had been peeling off, so a new type of adhesive was used to correct the problem.

"I'm still not satisfied with the donor wall," said Borowski. "The 'n' in Centre is already starting to peel. We'll have to try something else."

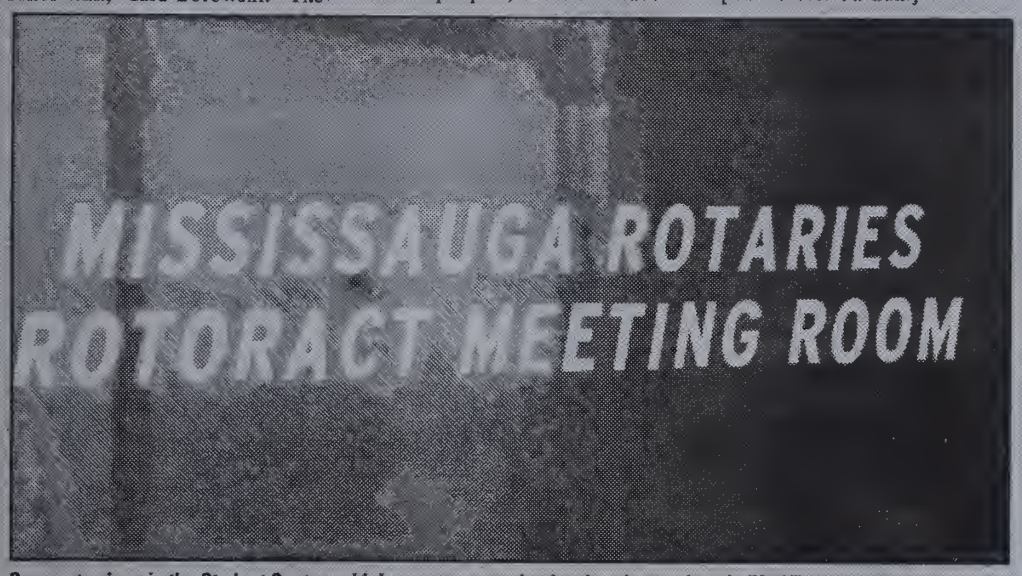
That something else will entail either mounting the lettering on some other material and attaching that to the wall, or putting the information on a free-standing structure which will be placed outside.

Nothing will be done, however, until after the signs inside are changed.

Small plaques, similar to those in the Kaneff Centre, will replace the big yellow letters. The plaques will be blue and silver or white and will likely be mounted to the left of the sponsored item. This way it will still be clear who donated to the Student Centre without turning the building into a giant billboard and detracting from the look of the place. And when will this be done?

"No later than the end of February," said Borowski.

[Ed's Note: Uh-huh.]



Corporate signs in the Student Centre, which were supposed to be shrunken and made 'U of T blue,' are as big and yellow as they've always been. Does anyone give a shit about this building? *photo/Nuvera Mirza*

Campus Police reports

January 26, 2001 7:00 p.m. MISCHIEF UNDER $5000: The office received a report that some children are attempting to damage the mailboxes in the Phase 5 residence. There was a delay in the reporting of this incident.

January 27, 2001 5:15 p.m. INTRUSION ALARM: The office received an intrusion alarm call regarding a computer lab in the South Building. Officers attended and found a staff member inside. False alarm.

January 28, 2001 12:30 a.m. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT: Officers attended to a party in Phase 3 residence for a complaint that an unwelcome male was using illegal drugs in the house. The party was subsequently shut down.

January 28, 2001 3:05 a.m. NOISE COMPLAINT: Officers attended to both Phase 2 residence and Phase 3 residence for complaints of noise coming from houses in the area. The residents of the houses involved were asked to turn off their noise.

January 29, 2001 2:50 p.m. MEDICAL EMERGENCY: A female student attended the office to report that she had received minor injuries after she fell stepping off the UTM Shuttle Bus.

January 29, 2001 10:00 p.m. INTRUSION ALARM: An alarm call for a Lab in the South Building was received by the office. Officers attended and checked the area. False alarm.

January 30, 2001 2:20 p.m. SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES: The office received a call from the Peel Police 911 Centre stating a call had been placed to them from a University telephone. The area was checked and no one was found making the call.

January 31, 2001 3:23 p.m. MEDICAL EMERGENCY: A male resident student was slightly injuried when he tripped and fell while playing street hockey. The male attended the hospital on his own.

January 31, 2001 3:00 p.m. SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: A resident of Phase 1 reported that the door to her residence had been tried by an unknown person while she was inside. There was a delay in the reporting of this incident.

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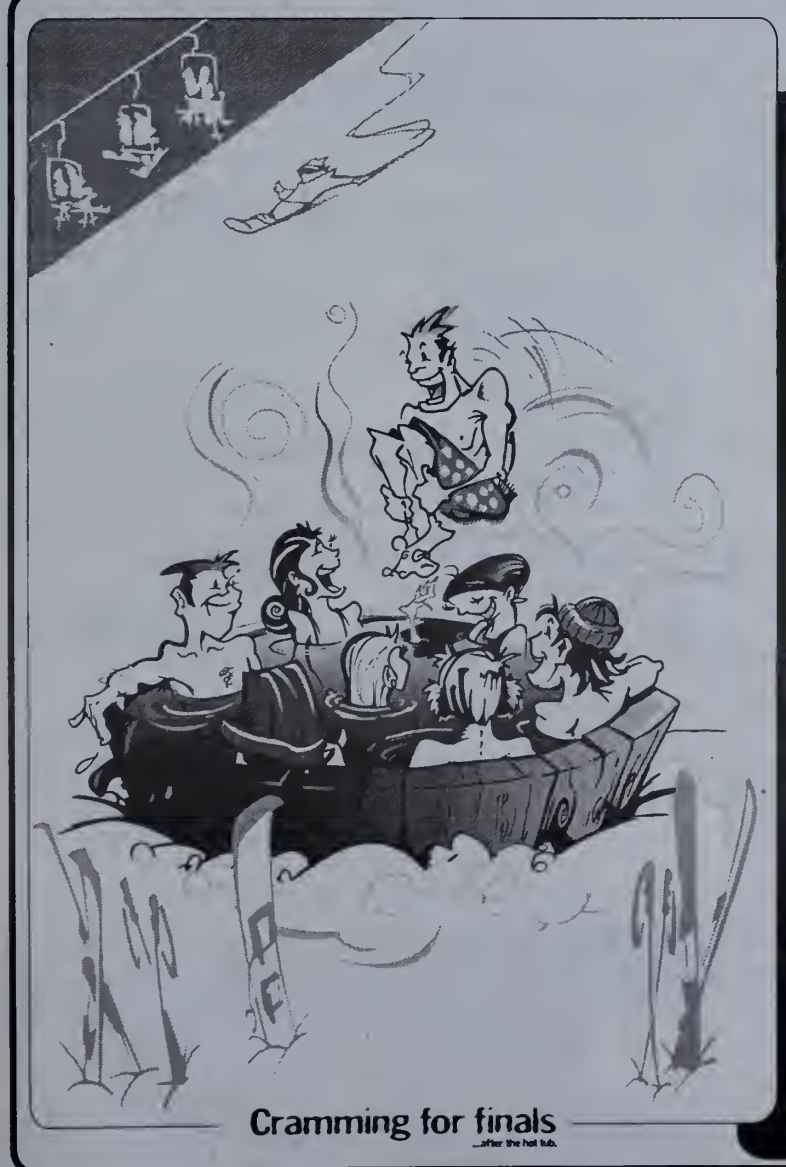

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Students had their chance...

EDITORIAL

It happened, like everyone said it would. And students complained, like they said they would. ECC voted in favour of a 6 per cent parking increase. The increase is not the issue – Director of Business Services Christine Capewell stated the importance of fee increases. We should be thankful it's only six per cent, considering what it could have been ,and considering ECSU led a student vote to turn down a 3 per cent parking increase last year. Indeed, the administration requires the parking increase to pay for inflation, maintenance, and salary increases.

The issue here is a step backwards in student involvement.

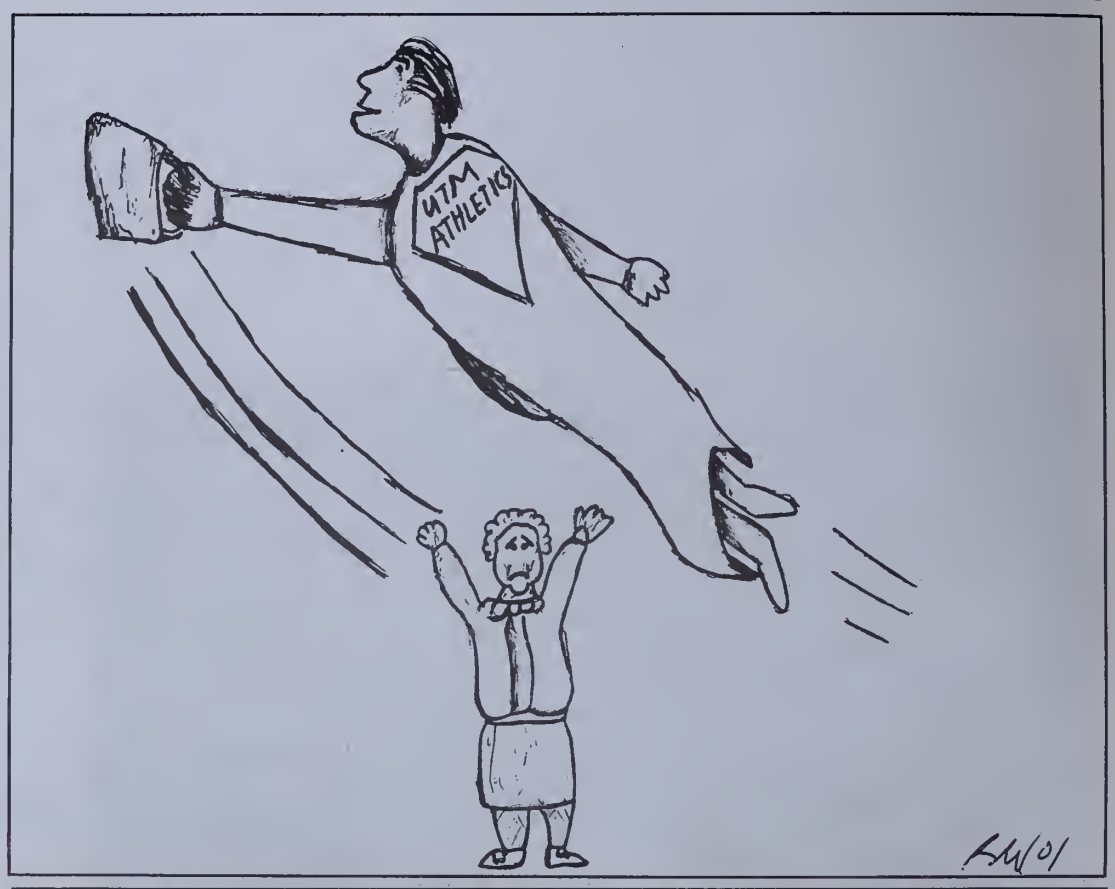
Last year, the students attended ECC and, frustrated from fee increases in athletics and tuition, voted the motion down. Students made a difference at ECC. Whether it was a good political move or not is irrelevant. ECSU president Preena Chauhan said the major concern is there wont be an increase in service.

By this time, students may be sick of hearing about parking issues – but driving around on a Thursday afternoon, students still can't find a spot on ninety per cent of the campus. And next year, standing at the parking office buying a pass, students will complain.

ECC was the forum for debate. ECC was where students ' could effect change. Essentially, by giving up the right to vote, students gave up the right to complain. Any democracy shares this ideal.

Next year, students will pay more, and have an even smaller chance of finding a spot. The fact that so many students seem oblivious to this makes things worse.

The increase will help the growth of the campus, and makes economic sense. But it also continues to set a precedence – to offset any projected costs, or make up for a lack of planning in the past, fees can be changed because so many students don't pay attention to what's going on.



Athletics: get the story straight

Dear Editor,

Please get the story straight before you go to print.

I have a problem when the paper that writes for student interest and to inform the students of events going on around the school gets their information wrong. If you are going to print something, please get the facts straight before you print it. In a recent editorial section of the Medium, several facts about Athletics and the new fee were untrue. How do I know this? Because I'm the Women's Interfaculty representative for the Athletic Council plus an employee of the Department. Well you say, I must be biased, but here are the facts.

1.The paper wrote that relations between students and the Department are at an all-time low.

Have any of the editors been down to the facility during the boxfit classes on Tuesday or Wednesday? Do they know that the average number of students an hour using the facility at any time is over 45? This number is up from last year. If I didn't work at the Fitstop, I would still see the increased traffic in the facility. I don't think student relations are at a low. If anything, students are looking to increase their awareness about what the Department has to offer.

2.The paper wrote that UTM administration unfairly implemented the $83.40 fee students paid to the Department this year.

If the paper went to the May QSS meetings last year, they would know administration didn't unfairly implement the fee. The increase in the athletic fee went through three student-governing bodies before it was approved. UTMAC, QSS and the UA board passed this increase unanimously. The reason for the increase was to offset the costs of inflation that the department failed to collect over the last ten years.

As for the price in the fee, I ask anyone to find a cheaper gym to go to for eight months that allows UTM students free access to the UTM facilities, [sic] the Athletic Centre downtown, [sic] and the Scarborough facilities. Downtown students pay $172.18 for use of the same facilities and Scarborough students pay $164.79. Personally I think we are getting a deal.

Chandra Gilbert

Athletics lied to me three years ago

opinion

By Richie Mehta

If anyone wants to slam The Medium for not getting the facts straight, get the facts straight yourself before mounting an assault.

Students do not have "free access" to athletics facilities.

Full time students pay $23.14 for St. George Athletics, and $83.40 for UTM athletics.

Students may feel that The Medium unfairly slams the Athletics department. Students may feel The Medium has a beef with the department since they decided to pull all advertisements with The Medium, after they felt unfairly represented.

Does this tell you that Athletics is treated unfairly? Or that Athletics is pissed off with The Medium for unfavorable coverage that may be true.

I entered first year at UTM and happily sauntered into the Athletics department for my orientation. I was told that I would have to pay $10 for my entire four years of Athletics access. I already paid $62 in incidental fees.

Two years later, my $10 was no good. I had to pay $50 on top of the $62 to use the facilities. By community standards, this may be a deal. But that's not the point. Athletics changed their policy midway through my undergrad term. They lied to me. The Medium took a stance against athletics, voicing their concern that departments shouldn't be allowed to change policies with the wind. At least finish the deal with outgoing students, and change policies with incoming students.

Keep your fucking word.

A year later, the $10 was no good. The $50 dollar fee was no good. As a standard-setting institution, Athletics certainly put students in their place. At least the previous year's $50 fee was optional.

Now students pay $83.40 in their incidentals for a place they may not ever use. Students no longer have a choice.

Of all the options available to Athletics, they chose the worst, taking the choice away from the student.

If any student accuses The Medium of not getting the facts right, take into account these facts:

The department did implement those fees at a QSS meeting (at which The Medium was present) in May to offset the inflation problem over the past decade. But a poorly managed department in the past is no reason to lie to senior students.

The Medium takes a stance from a general student point of view, not solely from an 'obsessed ball hockey player' point of view, an 'employee of the department of athletics' point of view, or a 'wheelchair bound student' point of view.

But if I was that wheelchair bound student, I wouldn't want to pay $83.40 for a service that's useless to me.

No student wants their right to choose taken away. Over the past three years, the department of athletics has lied to me and taken away my right to choose.

I'm not talking about the methods on implementing fee changes, or the administrative channels at UTM. Students don't care about any of that.

I'm talking about the net result.

I started my term at UTM and was told I could pay $10 for athletics access for 4 years. At that time I also paid $62 in incidental fees per year.

Two years later, I had to pay $62 in incidentals, plus $50 (my first year's $10 was no good.) for athletics access.

I end my term at UTM and am told that I must pay $83.40 in incidental fees for athletics access for one year.

I don't care how this happened, but its motivation is unjust. And for that accusation, The Medium cannot be wrong.

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En Yvette is the first person to successfully through me out of The Medium. Too bad she came with me. finally went to Tony Roma's Rib shack. Cyrus served and sang to us. Happy Birthday Yvette, Tracey, and Peoi. Adam Jackie, Yvette and I fought in the parking lot after. Adam says the spit bubble I blew and sucked back on the rubber cock is the single most disgusting thing he's EVER seen. Yvette was thrown out 7 times. A new record. Jackie says she hates winers. Hypocrite. Jackie finally got it doused by water. Enjoy. The Medium is a wasteland now. Cops caught us playing hockey at 1 am. We promise we'll never do it again. Sat. Holy shit. Adam slept here last night. Ghosts of Medium past. Butgell and Fancy. Always on the same days. Bot h washed up. Both nowhere to go. I prey we don't end up like them. Astrid, Adam, and Cyrus finished. What's going on this year? Sun. Jen and I are left. I feel like this is a log written by a somebody trapped in an avalanche. I got my first real dose of the real world yesterday. Stay in school kids, it's scary out there. I guess I have to fix up the Ads this week. I also finished Adam's section. Adam finished Astrid's section. Post-grad, here I come...8pm. not bad.

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OPINION

The Adventures of Billy: Part VII

By Richie Mehta

Billy knocked on The Medium door. No answer. He knocked again. He saw shifting light behind the covered window, and two eyes peep out at him through a hidden peep hole. They looked up at him and stared.

The eyes disappeared.

He heard an unlocking sound –as if the door was barricaded. The door opened. A small Indian kid stared back at Billy. He grabbed Billy and pulled him into the office.

He stuck his head out the door, looked around, and slammed the door shut.

"Nobody saw you come in, right?"

"Uh…no,' said Billy. Billy felt frightened. He looked around the room. It looked like a tornado swept through the place. Newspaper lay everywhere, paper, glue sticks, and junk food wrappers sat on desks, and a rubber dildo sat on top of one of the computers. One of the computers blasted a strange Irish song.

Another guy sat in the corner, wearing massive earphones, staring at his computer screen, oblivious to everything.

"It's a stress cock," the Indian guy said, referring to the dildo. He walked over to his computer. "Just a little joke."

"What can I do for you?" He seemed cordial.

"Uh…I read your ad about writing opinions, and want to contribute," said Billy. He'd had enough of being acted upon. He wanted to act now. He was tired of UTM's shenanigans, and The Medium seemed the only way to make a change.

"You're Billy, right?" said Indian.

What?! The Indian guy knew his name! "How'd you know my name?"

"I know," said Indian, reassuringly.

"We all know. I've waited a long time for you to come up here."

Billy felt frightened again. Maybe this wasn't such a good idea.

"This is the newspaper, right?" asked Billy.

Indian gave him a look of steel. "This is more than just a paper."

Billy heard a hard knocking on the door. Somebody wanted in badly.

Indian looked at the door, and then back at Billy. He grabbed Billy by the shoulders. "Look, if you're really who we think you are, you'll be interested in what we have to tell you."

The knocking got louder – as if the door was coming down.

"Meet us here Friday night at 3 a.m." said Indian.

"What are you talking about?" asked Billy.

"There's no time to explain!" Indian looked anxious. He grabbed Billy and opened the door. Principal McNutt stood at the doorway, holding a copy of The Medium, with an angry look on his face. Indian pushed Billy out the doorway, and politely invited McNutt in, and shut the door.

Friday night, huh? Billy thought. Interesting.

The Medium has a reader!

Dear editor,

The $7 of my incidental fees going to The Medium is being put to good use. Your January 15th issue was informative and entertaining.

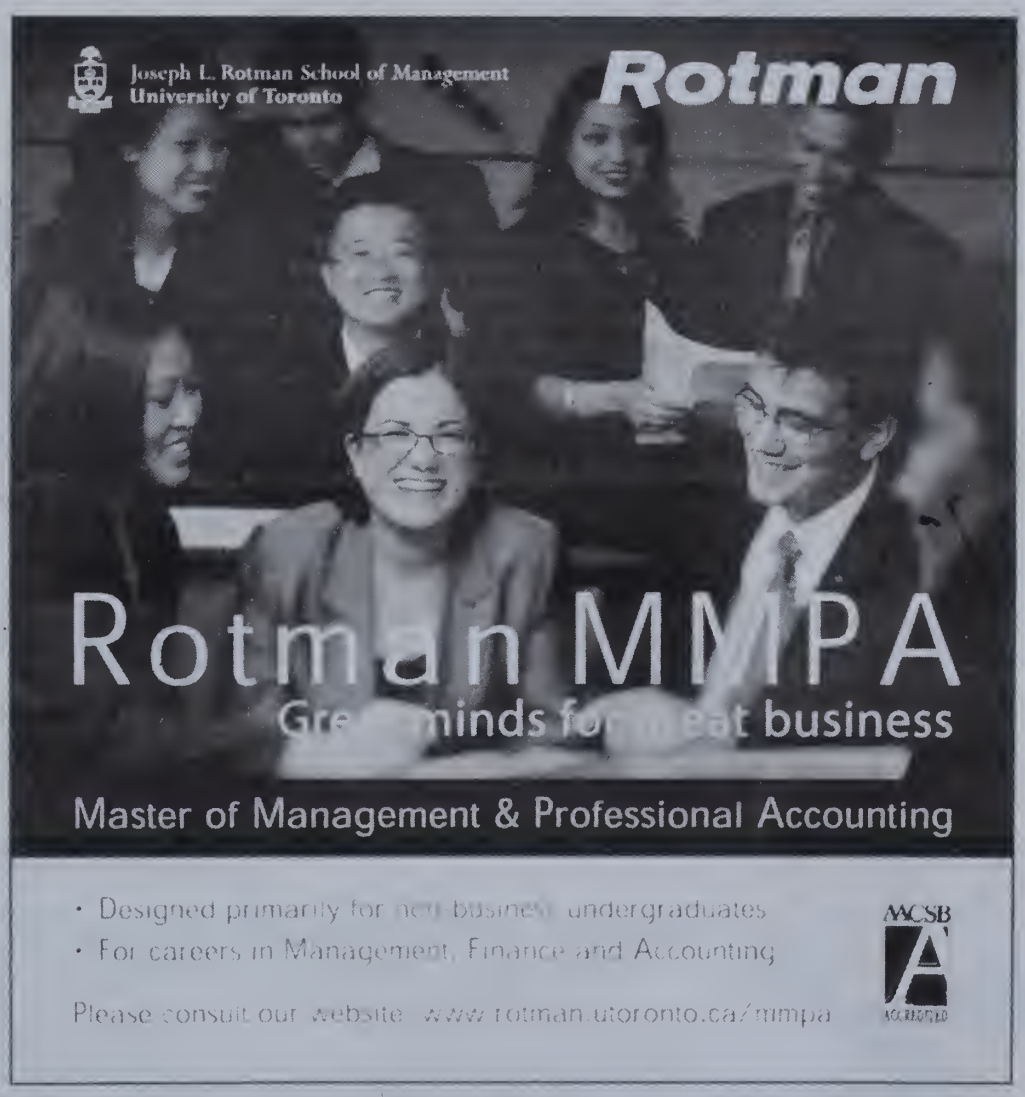
I normally find at least one article in your paper that I can't be bothered to read. I take a glance at it, decide it doesn't apply to me, and move on. Every article in this issue, however, caught my attention.

I was pleased to read about issues directly concerning other Erindale students and myself; waiting for marks and searching for study space. It was nice to see that the understaffed ECSU is still working to help confused students with their helpful guide specific to UTM. I think many students also relate to the features on self-image, so soon after New Year's resolutions. Astrid Poei's interview with Jack Krist shed light on the lack of athletic involvement at UTM, and more importantly, the reasons behind that problem. I have seen firsthand that girls cut from a team or benched don't always try out for the team again, it's good that someone finally mentioned it.

Finally, readers like myself will probably be reading more simply to find out what is going to happen in the drama of Fred Amirhoushmand's life, and pay more attention to both the reporting and editorials.

The January 15th issue was informative. However, while you offered reasons for many of the changes and events at UTM, you could have also mentioned that one of the reasons there is a second Tim Horton's so close to the first one - and not in the Student Centre - is possibly because Aramark doesn't feel like paying ECSU the fees for setting the coffee cart up in the Student Centre. It is something worth looking into. But for now, I will be content with the recent issues, and remain an avid Medium reader.

Wendy Jermyn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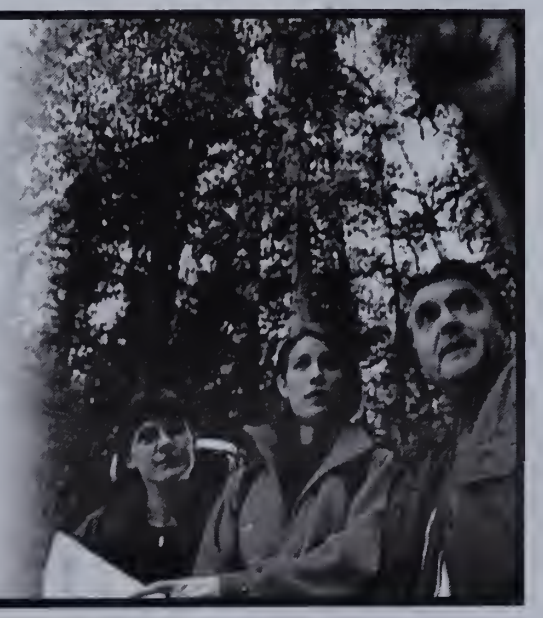

FEATURES

Do you have good habits?
A guide to study, sleep and stress

BY JASON LEE

"Good habits promote good health," says Nicky Goruk, a nurse at UTM Health Services. Academics demand time and attention. Poor study habits, poor sleep habits, and poor eating habits, common to students, begin a negative chain reaction that spreads from within the body outward. Stress accumulates and students often find themselves unable to cope.

A 'healthy' GPA

A research paper from the Journal of American College Health analyzed the effect of several health behaviors and health-related variables on the GPA of a random sample of 200 students. These variables include exercise, eating, sleep habits, mood, perceived stress, time management, social support, spiritual or religious habits, number of hours worked per week, gender, and age. Of the variables observed, sleeping habits, specifically wake-up time, accounted for the largest change in GPA. Students who awoke later had lower GPA's. Students with paid or voluntary jobs also displayed lower GPA's. Variables correlated with a higher GPA include strength training and spiritual practices. Health-related behaviors that may affect GPA include exercise, sleep, eating habits, development and use of social support systems, and time and stress management.

Sacrificing Sleep

Managing a schedule and prioritizing daily activities is essential to form healthy lifestyle habits. Among UTM students, the necessary activity that most sacrifice, after nutrition, during high stress periods is sleep.

"I think what happens is that students often don't plan their schedule properly and end up cramming all their school work at the exam period. It's important to prioritize your daily activities including sleep, nutrition and studying to be successful as a student," says Pat Ash, Head Nurse at UTM Health Services. Coffee, tobacco, drugs, and alcohol also heighten stress.

The Science of Stress

Stress is Energy. Stress affects the entire body. When stressful events occur, the adrenal glands automatically release adrenaline and other hormones to cope with the demanding situation. The brain signals the pituitary gland to release another hormone called ACTH (adrenocorticotropic hormone). ACTH makes the adrenal glands release more adrenaline and hormone called glucocorticoids (e.g., cortisone, cortisol, and corticosterone). The combined effects of these hormones increase heart rate and blood pressure. Blood starts to move away from the digestive system, toward the brain and muscles. An uneasy feeling in the stomach remains. The brain and the muscles go into overdrive. Common symptoms of stress result: headaches, skin rashes, muscle pains, stomach cramps, indigestion, insomnia, and an impaired immune system. The increased level of cortisol is also associated with memory impairment. Breathing faster, because of hormones released, makes more oxygen available to the body. This causes the liver to release extra glucose for extra energy supply, causing perspiration and a feeling of breathlessness. The body responds like a threatened animal, primed for "fight or flight."

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> -Pat Nash, Head Nurse at UTM

Stress is counter-productive to academic work, sleep, and proper digestion. Proper hormone balance prompts the body to work properly so that daily activities can be carried out.

Stress and Sleep

Stress causes various sleep disorders. The most common disorders are as follows:

Insomnia

People with insomnia have difficulty falling and/or staying asleep. Insomnia is not disease, but a symptom of another problem – stress. Sleep history may reveal the cause of insomnia, but many other factors also contribute to insomnia, such as illness, drugs, stress, depression, noise, pains, breathing disorders, and anxiety. Any of these could lead to insomnia, as the exact cause remains unknown. Treatment varies with the cause.

Delayed Sleep Phase Syndrome (DSPS)

People with DSPS fall asleep at dawn, and as a result, have difficulty waking up when the alarm clock sounds. This disorder is common among students. To overcome DSPS, sleep specialists advise going to bed late on Saturday night, but getting up on Sunday at the time one normally would for class. From here on, students should keep a strict sleep routine on weekdays and weekends.

Sleep Deprivation

A person with sleep deprivation, or loss of sleep, may experience daytime sleepiness. Productivity at school or work drops, and moodiness rises. Factors such as alcohol use, nicotine, anxiety, depression, and ignoring the need to relax enhance the symptoms of sleep deprivation.

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Restless Leg Syndrome (RLS)

Also known as Periodic Limb Movement during Sleep (PLMS), RLS involves fidgety leg movements that interrupt sleep. Twelve million men, women, and children suffer from RLS. Low levels of dopamine, a brain chemical, may cause RLS. Certain medications may help this disorder.

Narcolepsy

Narcolepsy can begin at puberty and last a lifetime. Excessive daytime sleepiness, episodes of muscular weakness (cataplexy), and intense emotions such as anger, surprise and amusement remain its primary symptoms. Because of excessive daytime sleepiness, activities such as driving should be avoided. Some sufferers learn to anticipate an attack and nap to prevent it. Medical treatment exists that can help some narcoleptics.

Sleep Apnea

A person with sleep apnea stops breathing for short periods of time during sleep. Symptoms include a lot of daytime sleepiness and loud snoring at night followed by a sudden stop. Being overweight or having a palate that blocks the airway may cause this potentially serious disorder. In some cases, corrective surgery and weight loss may help.

The Stress Diet

Poor eating habits are also associated with stress and poor sleeping habits. In the Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter, scientists found that a lack of sleep effects the way the body handles food. Blood sugar, or glucose, climbed higher after eating breakfast for those who slept under four hours per day as opposed to those who slept over eight hours daily. Those who slept less secreted insulin – the hormone that facilitates the removal of sugar from the blood – at a slower rate than those who slept more. These changes in blood sugar and insulin levels may cause cravings for sugary foods. Students often turn to sugary food. These changes in blood sugar are significant enough to consider a typical person to have impaired glucose tolerance, a condition that falls between "normal" and "diabetic," a condition that often precedes diabetes.

Self-help for Stress

To lessen stress and promote healthier habits, students can:

1. Exercise: Moderate exercise relieves the extra energy caused by stress. Students who exercised up to six hours per week were found to have higher grades and slept better than those who didn't exercise at all.

2. Sleep Habits: Make time to sleep. The body needs sleep to recharge. It sounds simple, but many students fail to internalize this idea.

3. Nutrition: A reported study of university students found that students who eat breakfast show improved immediate recall and spatial memory. Reaching for the nearest chocolate bar when stressed only contributes to accumulating stress symptoms.

4. Mental Health and Stress Management: In several studies, researchers report the effects of depression, anxiety, and stress on academic performance. One report

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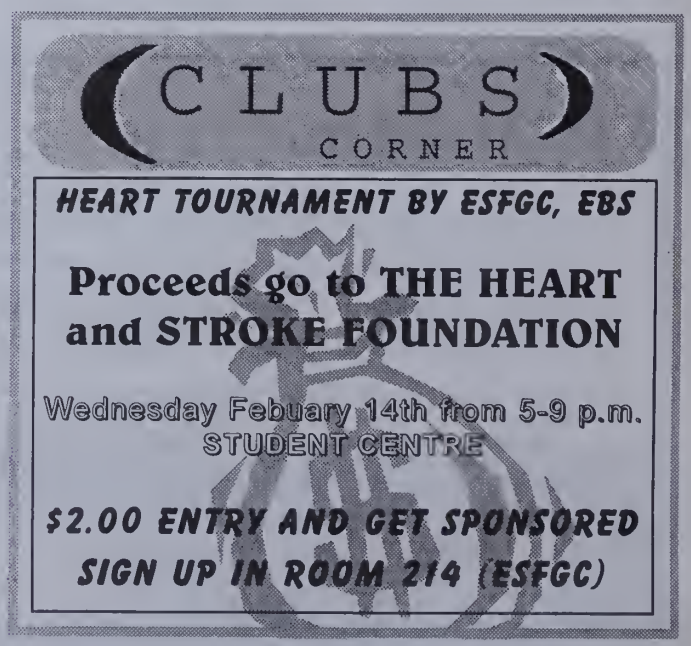
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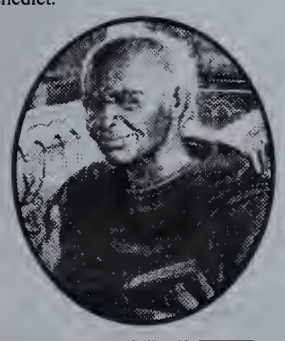
Benedict the Moor (1524-1589)

BY MARK MARJI AND JON SARPONG

Benedict the Moor, also known as Benedict the Black, was born in Sicily in 1524 on the Estate of Chevalier de Lanza at San Fratello. His parents, Christopher and Diana, both African blacks, were slaves. The couple, realizing that any offspring they produced would endure such hardships, decided not to have children. However, after receiving assurance from their master that their firstborn child would be 'born into freedom' (or as other sources relate, 'freed on his eighteenth birthday'), the couple gave life to a baby boy, Benedict.



Benedict the Moor

Benedict worked along side his parents for meager wages, but quickly parted with his earnings to help the sick or those in need. When he was twenty-one, Benedict renounced all his possessions, and joined a group of local hermits in Montepellegrino. For his selflessness and humility, Benedict soon became known as a man of great piety and righteousness. However, in 1584 Pope Pious IV disbanded the order of Hermits.

Benedict obeyed the command of the Church and moved to Palermo to join the friary of Saint Mary. He requested the most menial duty among his brethren, and for a short time, Benedict worked as a cook. Despite being illiterate and despite his objections, Benedict was soon elected guardian and later novice master, in charge of training novice monks.

Benedict was widely respected for his deep, intuitive understanding of theology and scripture, and often counseled others. As Benedict neared the end of his life, many claimed to have observed miraculous events in his presence. Rumors persist that Benedict died on the same day and on the same hour that he, himself, predicted he would.

Canonized in 1807, Benedict the Moor is the Patron Saint of African Americans and Black Missions in North America.

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Invisible History: An Introduction

BY MARK MARJI AND JON SARPONG

"The African....has been many things in history, good and bad. They have ruled great nations and they have destroyed great nations. They are profoundly human. And they have played every role in the human drama, from saint to buffoon. Slavery does not represent the sum total of their history." – J.A. Rogers, World's Great Men of Color.

Several motivations lie behind the creation of this series on Black History Month. The primary goal is to broaden the focus of Black History beyond the bounds of the "African-American" experience. Black History should not be confined to slavery or to "African-American" civil rights movements. Black History does not begin or end with these events. Instead, these events should be perceived as part of a greater whole that exists everywhere: in the past, in the present, and in the future.

In North America, Black History Month remembers the accomplishments of distinguished individuals such as Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole, Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Nations outside North America remember those who influenced their own societies.

For example, in the West African nation of Ghana, attention would mostly likely be given to their own national heroes and heroines such as Kofi Annon and Queen Nana. Black History exists both inside and outside North America. The true goal of Black History Month should be to harmonize the many voices of the "Black" experience into one voice that speaks to all people.

Over the next few weeks, biographies will profile historical figures of "Black" origin, figures chosen at random, figures whose ideas still resonate today. No one figure is more important than another, but each has shaped the direction and development of their respective culture. Each individual has enlightened and inspired others with their grace, perseverance, and dignity.

Mary Seacole

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The Brick Wall

BY TRACEY GONNEAU

Chris leans back against the rough brick wall and inhales from his last cigarette. He exhales with a sigh and watches the smoke rise and float away into the downtown London sky. He looks at his empty wrist and remembers that he sold his watch last Tuesday to buy himself a large hot coffee and a pack of cigarettes.

A boy of fifteen or sixteen, a couple of years younger than Chris, staggers through the parking lot where Chris smokes.

Chris drops the stubby cigarette to the ground and crushes it with a threadbare sneaker. Chris wonders whether the boy is drunk, high, or just exhausted and hungry. At the Salvation Army Men's Mission these conditions blend.

"Hey, whassup?" Chris says. The boy's concentration breaks and he nearly walks into the metal post of a NO PARKING sign when he looks to see who speaks.

"Hmmm?" the boy replies.

"Hey, what's your name?" Chris asks.

"Clive. What's yours?"

"Ron." Chris replies.

Ron was Chris's fathers name, and it is the name on his own birth certificate.

"You been here long?" Clive looks past Chris toward the doorway of the large building.

"Two weeks. This time. Got nowhere to go. You?"

"Aw, my parents are a couple of assholes. They're always controlling everything I do. Stickin' their noses in my shit. I just couldn't take it anymore, so I split."

"They knock you around?" Chris asks, his eyebrows meeting.

"Naw, my folks don't believe in that shit. They just piss me off and try to make me go to school and shit."

"Hey man," Chris raises his voice, "at least you got parents."

"What?" A scowl forms on Clive's pale face.

"Hey man, my mother died five years ago. She was great, man. She was the best. Then my dad got sick and died two years ago. Jeez, I miss them."

"What'd you do then?" Clive turns his body toward Chris.

"My brother and sisters and I lived with my Aunt Jeanette, my mom's sister. She kicked me out last August. I broke my probation curfew by a few minutes, and she just flipped on me. Got two sisters, they both got kids. They don't need an extra person in their place. Got a half sister in Georgetown, but I don't really know her yet."

"Shit. That must be tough, man. What was your probation for?"

"Stupid shit. I wanted to cut grass for the summer so I could get my dad some money. I thought it would help. So I stole a lawnmower. Worst stupid thing I ever did."

"Bummer. What about your dad's family. Can't you go live with them?" Clive meets Chris's eyes.

"Ya, I stayed with my cousins on the rez for a while. I don't fit in there either. My skin's too white. Don't fit in nowhere. I want to be a writer, or a carpenter, or a cartoonist. I was gettin' okay marks in school, too. Nobody else in my family even finished high school." Chris frowns, and after a moment says, "Hey, Clive, why don't you give your parents another chance. Nobody's perfect, man. Let them know you don't like how they treat you and all, but give them a chance. It's a helluva lot better than rotting in here." Chris jerks his arm toward the mission. "At least you got a warm place to stay, food, a fuckin' tv. Shit man, some prick even stole the earring outta my ear when I was sleeping in there."

"Well...maybe. I guess...but..." Clive looks from the mission, to the street, to Chris, "They gotta change their ways, though. I'm gonna give them a piece of my mind." Clive rocks forward and moves toward Dundas Street. Cars roar by. Bright steam escapes from sewer grates. A London Transit bus hisses in front of an empty bus shelter. Clive turns back.

"Hey man, you wanna come with me, stay at my place for a while? We got some extra bedrooms."

"Naw, I can't. Gotta see my probation officer tomorrow. Anyway, you don't need an extra person in your place."

Clive walks back through the parking lot. The sun sinks in the sky, and the scratched glass of the Mission door reflects Dundas Street.

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Study Smart

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found depression had no impact on grades. Measures of depression in college students were negatively correlated with academic performance. Self-reported mood ratings, such as level of happiness, predicted academic performance more accurately than measures of intelligence. Stress-management programs had no effect on anxiety, but did improve GPA among students.

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Being able to manage time and prioritize takes time, practice and mistakes. "In high school, students were spoon fed and not taught to take on the responsibilities that university demands," says Ash. In university, students must learn what it takes to succeed in university. The student must make the necessary lifestyle changes to meet the demands of university life.

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Arts & Entertainment

Valentine an unsuccessful resuscitation of the slasher genre

MOVIE REVIEW

By Jennifer Matotek

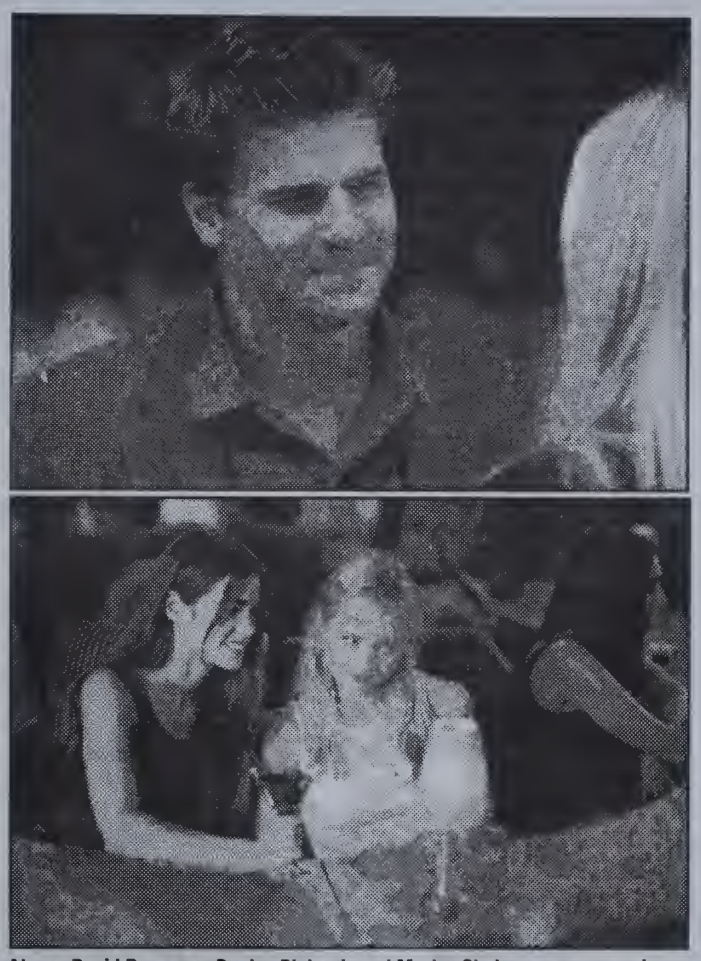
What happens to those ugly ducklings you dissed at the school dance during those formative pre-pubescent years? According to the premise of director Jamie Blank's thriller, *Valentine*, they come back and kill you for being a big, stupid slut on Valentine's Day. I guess it's some weird kind of throw-back to those stupid eighties slasher films based around special national holidays.

With it's paltry cast of David Boreanaz, Denise Richards, and Marley Shelton – the "big stars" of this movie – *Valentine* is in obvious need of a bigger, better cast to bolster box office revenue, because word-of-mouth sure won't get this movie very far.

The film's opening cloys for audience sympathy, as a nerdy junior high kid named Jeremy Melton asks all the popular girls to dance with him at the big, junior high Valentine's Day dance.

Predictably, all the girls turn him down in horribly humiliating fashions. Except, of course, for the nice girl who says "maybe later," and the wall-flower fat girl, who starts making out with Jeremy under the gym bleachers. Then the other kids see it, and Shelley, the fat girl, pretends that Jeremy attacked her. So the other kids beat the shit out of Jeremy, strip off his clothes, and pour punch all over him. Certainly a humiliating event from the perspective of a junior high student – but hardly an event that could produce a violent serial killer.

At least the film's director, Jamie Blanks (*Urban Legend*), realizes that this is pulpy material and emphasizes the cheese factor by sending the cast around like they're auditioning for *Sex and the City*, wearing plunging necklines (even to each other's funerals,) and whining about nothing but men. The pigeon-holed personality traits of the former "popular girl" group is also unnerving, as Jessica Cauffiel plays Lily, the "fun" one, Jessica Capshaw plays Shelley, the "fat" one, and Denise Richards plays Paige, the "sexy" one. For a moment I felt as though I had walked into another screening of *Sugar and Spice* (see page 12), which also features a cast of four or five girlfriends with stereotypical traits. It's strange to imagine that these girls still have stuff in common since junior high, because most of the girls I was friends with in grade seven are now married with children.



Above: David Boreanaz, Denise Richards and Marley Shelton are supposed to be the box office draws of Jamie Blank's throwback thriller, *Valentine*.

Anyhow, the girls engage in a series of outings in search of men, attending terrible art gallery exhibitions, parties, and going to bars to "turbo-date." I wish that this movie were more like turbo-dating, where the girls only have talk to guys for thirty seconds at a time. That way I would only have to sit and feel bored by Valentine for only 30 seconds, instead of nearly two hours.

The murder scenes were filmed in a fairly taut fashion, as the presumed "Jeremy Melton" stalks his victims out in medical school morgues, in hot tubs, saunas, bad art installations, and boiler rooms, using such ingenious tools as knives, axes, steam irons, and electric drills. If you're prone to creepy swells of music and ominious camera movements that record the movements of useless girls who aren't trained in self denfense or know how to run away from danger, than *Valentine* might actually cause some thrills. But I'm not prone to any of this stuff anymore. Having said that, I doubt *Valentine* will titillate the average viewer, even though there is a nice scene with Denise Richards in a hot tub wearing a black bikini – in case you care about that kind of thing.

Happy an inspiring, innovative theatrical experience

THEATRE REVIEW

By Jennifer Matotek

When a performer creates a one-man show that stretches over two hours – with no intermission – you can assume that the performer in question is pretty passionate about their art. Add to this equation that a performer like Ronnie Burkett designs his own set, costumes and puppets – thirty-seven of which he plays during his latest production, *Happy* – and it makes you wonder how Burkett has the energy to perform onstage without using illegal substances. Burkett is so enthusiastically passionate about what he does that it's pretty difficult for him to screw up and lose his focus – even when rude audience members distract Burkett from his performance with their ringing cell phones and crinkling candy wrappers.

Burkett opens his tale with the introduction of the title character, a World War II veteran named Happy. Happy shares a house with a plethora of other quirky characters, including the simple Raymond, the chain-smoking Lucille, a

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Puppet genius Ronnie Burkett, looking pensive, poses with the cast of *Happy*.

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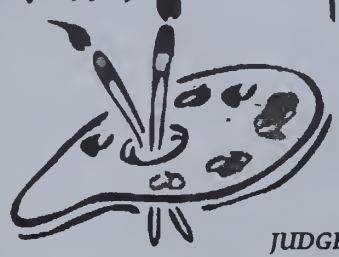

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Happy review continued...

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Puerto Rican hair-dresser and his portly bath-robed companion – along with a cat and a dog named Soldier. The house is also inhabited by a young couple, Drew and Carla, who are torn apart when Drew unexpectedly dies. A passionate, verse-spouting poet, Carla suffers many emotional problems with the passing of her lover, as everyone left in the house, particularly Happy, tries to counsel Carla through her loss.

Burkett sets up a fascinating, otherworldly counterpart to this contained, domestic stage action, by suggesting a more surreal theatrical space – a space identified as "The Cabaret Gris" by a special host who guides Carla through the traditional five states of grieving, as represented by a series of cabaret acts. (Burkett uses this mouthy puppet to utter things he wishes he could say, telling audience members to get some class when they make too much noise.) It is an uncertain world of shadows, an ironic doppelganger to the domestic drama that both guides and is guided by Carla's actions and feelings about Drew's death.

By using puppets, Burkett suspends reality by displacing it even further then the traditional realm of theatre. Not only do his audiences have to situate themselves inside the appropriate time and space, but they also must buy into the idea that the play's characters aren't simply movable pieces of wood on strings, but true, empathic entities. Burkett ensures his puppets' believability by carefully constructing puppets with a wide range of motion, allowing them to mimic the tiniest of gestures, granting his characters realistic head-nodding, wrist-bending and foot-flicking.

By using puppets, Burkett also has more control over his creative vision. He grants himself freedom to put whatever words he wants to into the mouths of his characters – dialogues and diatribes that are generally more ironic, undignified, twisted, graphic, sentimental, and outrageous than any stage actor would ever agree to articulate.

Happy thematically twists the traditional cliché that if the world is black and white, humanity should try to live in a fearless spectrum of colour, as opposed to a state of grey. This *Dead Poet's Society* type of theme develops with some unsettling ambiguity at points, but at least it's not articulated in a tragically didactic fashion, because often the best theatrical experiences are the ones that aren't completely explanatory or decipherable. As a result, Burkett's approach to the art of puppetry attains an exceptional new level of theatre that some Toronto audiences know very little about – but definitely need to check out.

Sugar and Spice isn't so nice

MOVIE REVIEW

BY JENNIFER MATOTEK

I usually wish the eighties never stopped. It was a great decade for me. I hadn't hit puberty yet, I spent a lot of time playing in sandboxes, and wonderful directors like John Hughes made teens flock to movie theatres in throngs with the appeal of his trite, pulp films. Sometimes, I go into this weird phase of denial where I like to pretend that the eighties are still happening, so I can still feel cool about liking pet rocks and Rubics cubes while fantasizing about Ronald Reagan and Max Headroom.

Some directors, like Francine McDougall, also wish we still lived in the 1980s – only McDougall doesn't realize that audiences in the year 2000 want to watch satires that actually satirize something, and comedies that actually contain laughs. Her less than auspicious debut – *Sugar and Spice* – has good intentions, and starts off with a somewhat interesting premise, about a 17-year-old cheerleader who gets impregnated by the head quarterback and decides to rob a bank with her friends for extra money. But the premise then fizzles like a denture-cleaning tablet into a glass of water, turning into eighty minutes of wasted time, wasted screen space, and wasted up-and-coming actresses.

Above: The cast of *Sugar and Spice* does one of those stupid cheerleading "go team" hand-shakey thingees. Note the breast-baring costumes.

Mena Suvari, Marley Shelton, Marla Sokoloff and a bunch of other soon to be A-list movie stars do their best with their clichéd characters, squeezing a few laughs out of their roles as a group of A-list cheerleaders who are so tight-knit that they menstruate on the same cycle. James Mardsen is also passably dopey as the good-guy head quarterback who can't tell a lie. But the problems with this film go deeper than its earnest, well-meaning performances. The script just isn't that funny, even though McDougall tries to compensate by emphasizing the film's visual style, funny costumes and cardboard boxy set design. What this film really needs is focus: who is McDougall criticizing in this satirical effort? Dumb cheerleaders? High schools? Criminals? The media? Or is she making some sort of commentary on the clichés she presents? I'm not sure, because it all just looks to me like a good 80s satire – like *Heathers* – gone terribly wrong. My advice? Watch the trailer for *Sugar and Spice* or take a closer look at its posters, because this film is little more than a cutesy premise.

CD REVIEW

BY SHAUN DACEY

Bahamadia

BB Queen

(Shoreline Records)

From the first cut and break by DJ Revolution, the listener is introduced to samples of this female rap veteran's previous ventures, reconfigured with funny breaks and deep soulful bass. Thus the latest creation of underground rap heroine **Bahamadia** is put into motion.

BB Queen, the latest release by **Bahamadia**, is full of funk, soul, and conscience. 'BB Queen's intro' is an excellent opener to this whole old-school underground Soul-hop feel, full of funky kicks and cool samples. "BUT... Oh... That's only our beginning, the best is yet to come...." The use of a phat Eartha Kitt sample announces the entrance of "a vision of Africanic Beauty... a black goddess come to earth," **Bahamadia**.

Not only is **Bahamadia** all that the computer generated Kitt sample suggests, but she is also a tested and proven MC. Lyrics in songs like "Philadelphia," "Beautiful things," and "Commonwealth" talk about a life of experience in the inner city with an optimistic edge – instead of the get rich quick, bang a honey, 15 year-old rap star "Cash Money Millionaires" fantasy. Her voice is also something sweetly amazing and intoxicatingly original, though reminiscent of Macy Grey, Erykah Badu, and Billie Holiday.

The use of old-school rhodes, keyboard rhythm, and real drum and bass, coupled with the background soul-influenced vocals by Dwele, create a wicked, soul-hop, laid-back atmosphere. But even with her laid back attitude, **Bahamadia** confronts issues in popular hip-hop. She is strong in her opinion of individuality, and lives her life and career outside of what is 'popular' at the moment. One of few hip hop artists who grow musically and lyrically with every album they release, **Bahamadia** is an innovative and inspiring MC.

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CD reviews: Brit popsters **Billie** and **Robbie**

CD REVIEWS

BY ADNAN KHAN

Billie Piper
Walk of Life
(Virgin)

British pop singer **Billie Piper** is back with this sophomore release, and this time she's coming with a more mature look. **Billie** has had substantial success in the British pop market, but can't make waves in the lucrative American market. Will *Walk of Life* propel **Billie Piper** into the international superstardom her record label hopes for? Not very likely.

Every theme on this CD is about as serious as an Adam Sandler flick, particularly her teeny-bopperish diatribes on romantic love.

"Day & Night," the album's first single, is a blandly generic pop tun that will guarantee record sales, and the second single, "Walk of Life," isn't much better.

But the fourth track on the album, "Safe with Me," showcases how **Billie**'s pop formula is actually quite satisfying, with a nice sound and lyrics that will make you feel all warm inside.

Another quasi-hit is **Billie**'s cover of the Blondie song "The Tide is High." It doesn't come near the original, but it still works, meaning that **Piper** may eventually reach the upper echelon of Britney Spears. But for now, it's not bloody likely, as the merry old English would say. If poppy sounds make you sick, then this album is not for you.

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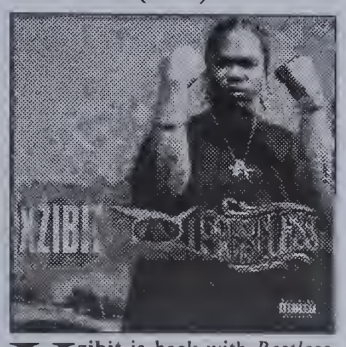
Restless
(BMI)



Xzibit is back with *Restless*, and ready to wreck da mic. This time he's enlisted the help of some of the biggest rap superstars in the world. This album represents Loud records attempt to cash in on super producer **Dr. Dre**, whose skills in the studio are unparallel on the West coast.

After the release of *40 dayz and 40 nightz*, **Xzibit** caught the attention of producers like **Dr. Dre** and **Snoop Dogg**, who've help him enlist the likes of the 7X platinum and the ever controversial **Marshall Mathers**, who appears on a track titled "Don't Approach Me." Surprisingly, there's nothing controversial or even innovative about this song, which features **Xzibit** spouting off about his ghetto angst while **Slim Shady** pouts about not being able to handle fame as a mellow and sobering drum machine thumps in the background.

The other tracks on the album have all the fundamentals of West Coast rap, with lyrics about street life, money, bitches, drugs, hoes, guns and niggas, as **Xzibit** and **Dr. Dre** boast on the track "U know": "you know whose run-in these fuckin' streets." The beat and the lyrical content will get your head bobbin' and your adrenaline rushin', even if you're a rap fan who's completely mystifed by life in the inner city.

The crown jewel on the album is the track "X," produced by **Dr. Dre**, and featuring **Snoop Dogg**. The heavy sounding piano and looped drums give a west coast gangsta appeal that will surely be bumpin in car stereos until this summer.

Will **Xzibit** be the next 2pac? Not likely, but let's hope this album gets a few platinum plaques.

CD REVIEW

BY AGNES CEGLARZ

Robbie Williams
Sing when You're Winning
(EMI)

I've always wanted to own a **Robbie Williams** album, and now I know what it's like.

Don't expect this album to top the charts for it's poetic lyrics – although I don't think **Robbie Williams** has ever been noticed for his lyrics. The most entertaining thing about this album are its liner notes, which depict a world populated by **Robbie Williams** look-alikes. The last image in the notes features five **Robbie Williams** naked in a hot tub. What does this say about his ego?

The album alternates between slow and up beat songs, although "Better Man's" guitar melody is reminiscent of **William**'s days in the British pop group, Take That. **Williams** also sings the song in Spanish (a la Ricky Martin.) The faster songs are far more entertaining than the downbeat songs because they're danceable. That's one thing this album is good for.

There are also two experimental versions of the song "Supreme" featured on this album, a song about surviving the new century without a love supreme, sung in both English and French. If you're into pop music, you may like this album, otherwise don't get it. It's cheesy.

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Sports

Carrabs told to "shut up," while Medeiros earns shutout

By A. Francesca

"Fair play should be everyone's first priority." Last Monday night, the UTM women's interfaculty ice hockey team played Scarborough, fairly beating them 5-0. UTM's Chandra Gilbert scored on her first shift of the game – a shot from behind the net that went off the Scarborough goaltender's shoulder pad. Astrid Poei earned the assist. Several stories could be told about this game. On a positive note, newcomer Deandra Locicero certainly made an impression on the UTM squad by breaking for three unassisted goals. She scored once in the first and twice in the second.

During the second period, Scarborough had many chances to score when UTM coughed up the puck. The UTM defence worked hard though, with defencemen Chris Wade, Larissa Sova, Elizabeth Wong, Holly Grant, Celine McDonald and Emily Pond helping goalie Debbie Medeiros maintain her shutout. In fact, even forward Erin Laporte skated back twice, breaking up two potential Scarborough breakaways. Laporte eventually assisted linemate Cheryl Penfold, dishing it from behind Scarborough's net.

UTM congratulates Debbie Medeiros on her shutout. They beat Scarborough 5-0.

The other story of the game was controversial involvement of the referees. They failed to make several calls, particularly in Scarborough's end when winger Sue Pfeiffer was tripped at the blue line, and when centre Locicero was taken out numerous times behind the net by an aggressive Scarborough team. That did not stop UTM from playing a physical game, with Poei taking out the Scarborough team captain three consecutive times on one shift. Despite warnings from the referees, no calls were made. The referees continued to ignore the aggressive play, but after winning the face-off in the UTM zone, Scarborough passed the puck back to the point where neither defencemen could get to it and the refs called "icing." Appalled at the call, coach Chris Carrabs questioned the referee's decision. He was answered rudely with, "shut up." Still receiving no answer, Carrabs sent Poei to ask about the ref's judgment. The ref replied with, "I didn't see it." Icing is called when a two line pass is made. Since UTM did not make the pass, icing should not have been called. This could have affected the game dramatically, since UTM was only up by 2, not a large margin by most standards.

An appalled Chris Carrabs rallies his bench against biased calls made by officials.

Untouchable destroyers

By Sachin Bhandari

Coming off a disspointing loss against the Waterboyz, the Untouchables took out their frustration on Whoose Moongas and beat them, 11-0.

Ravi Uppal continued his hot play, scoring four goals and adding an assist, while Sean Valles added five goals and an assist. Bill Dimitriou had the shutout in his first game in net for the Untouchables.

The loss for Whoose Moongas capped off a tough opening three games for the team. They faced the toughest three teams in the East back-to-back-to-back and will have to compete in their games against the weaker Renegades and Fierce. The Untouchables should clinch a place in the first division playoffs with a win against Fierce.

Fury continues to dominate

By Sachin Bhandari

Fury continued their hot start to the season with another easy victory against the Renagades. Neal Carley led the eleven-goal attack with five goals and an assist, while Chris Carrabs added a goal and three assists. Johnny Carrabs secured his second consecutive shutout and decreased his league leading goals against average to a miniscule 1.00. After beating three pushovers to begin the season, Fury will end the season with its two toughest games.

Despite losing 11-0, there were some positives for the Renegades. The eleven goals by Fury were the least they have scored in a game this season, and for the second time this season, the Renegades did not register a penalty in the game.

Men's b-ball

By Steve Manchur

Although it was a week off in league play, UTM's men's division one basketball team had a busy week. In preparing for their tournament at Scarborough College, UTM travelled to Brampton to battle Sheridan Davis' extramural team in a exhibition game.

Despite missing almost half their team, UTM went into the game full of confidence. After the dust settled, the seven UTM players that showed up crushed Sheridan Davis 64-40. The game was close for almost thirty minutes, but UTM poored it on in the last ten minutes, with full court pressure causing Sheridan to throw the ball away time and time again.

All seven players for UTM contributed on the scoreboard. Geoff Richardson had 24, Jason Gloger had 13, Steve Chan popped in eight, and Aman Dhillion scored seven points. Not to be forgotten was the outstanding efforts put out by Justin Cholette and Steve Guenther also had strong games.

With a 6-4 record and a playoff spot already locked up, UTM is now in a battle with four other teams jockeying for playoff ranking. UTM hosts Grads next week, before hosting Scarborough in what could be a preview of the playoff battle.

Interfaculty scores

Jan 29-Women's Ice Hockey
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Jan 30-Men's Waterpolo
UTM 9, Innis/UC/Skule 11

Jan 30-Women's Div 1 V-ball
UTM 2, Engineering 0

Jan 30-Women's Div 2 V-ball
UTM 2, Dentistry 0

Jan 30-Men's Div 2 (4 on 4) V-ball
UTM 0, Dentistry 2

Jan 30-Women's Lacrosse
UTM 4, Phys Ed 6

Jan 30-Women's Indoor Soccer
UTM 9, New/OISE 1

Jan 30-Men's Div 2 Basketball
UTM 65, MBA 19

Jan 31-Women's Div 1 Basketball
UTM 59, Scarborough 47

Feb 1-Men's Indoor Soccer
UTM 2, ScarboroughA 2

Feb 1-Men's Ice Hockey
UTM 2, Engineering 5

Review of the Code of Student Conduct

The Code of Student Conduct was approved by the Governing Council in 1992. A special committee of the University Affairs Board has been struck to undertake a review of, and to consider potential changes to, the Code. The committee is expected to report by March 31st, 2001.

Terms of Reference

To review and make recommendations with respect to:

- Omissions and ambiguities in the current wording with respect to procedure and offence categories such as computer-related behaviour
- An interim procedure to be used in urgent or emergency situations, when it is apparent that the health, safety or well-being of the student or others in the university community are at risk
- The role of central offices in the administration of the code
- Consistency of application of the code across divisions
- Guidelines and training for officers under the code
- Any other matters as deemed appropriate.

Membership

Muhammad Ahmad, student member, Governing Council and University Affairs Board (co-chair)
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Ms Susan Addario, Director, Student Affairs, and Professor Ian Orchard, Vice-Provost, Students, will act as assessors to the committee.

The committee welcomes submissions from the University of Toronto community. These submissions should be sent by February 28th, 2001, to Beverley Stefureak, Secretary of the University Affairs Board, Office of the Governing Council: FAX: 416-978-8182 or Email at governing.council@utoronto.ca

Waterboyz swim past Fierce

BY MICHAEL HAN

Last Monday morning, the day after the Baltimore Ravens beat the New York Giants 34-7 in Super Bowl XXXV, another blowout occurred. This blowout happened a little closer to home – the UTM gymnasium – in a matchup that featured two Erindale Ball Hockey League teams. The two teams that were featured were the Waterboyz and Fierce, but it seemed like only one team was actually playing. The Waterboyz won the game effortlessly in a 14-1 romp. Fierce, on the other hand, played like they were *just* coming from Super Bowl parties the night before.

The Waterboyz exploded at the start of the game scoring a goal per minute. They had five goals in five minutes of play. Fierce then scored a goal to make it 5-1 late in the first half. But the Waterboyz finished the first half strongly by scoring three more to make it 8-1 in 1:44. The second half consisted of more of the same, with the Waterboyz running circles around the lifeless Fierce players. The Waterboyz added six more goals in the second half. Every player on the Waterboyz registered a point on the scoreboard. Ray Mukaddan, Jean-Paul Paluzzi, and Patrick Mitsud all had 4 goals, many of which came from passes by Niall Shanahan, who had 5 assists. The lone goalscorer for Fierce was Atif Sayad.

The expansion Waterboyz improved to 3-0 and look to challenge for division supremacy against Fury. They have some talented young players that are aggressive and hungry for wins. Fierce drops to 1-2 and looks like a veteran club that is just going through the motions. They need some help in the energy department, or else they could face a quick elimination from the playoffs. The Player of the Game for the Waterboyz was Niall Shanahan, who provided many scoring opportunities and had some scrappy minutes for them.

Dragons clinch first in the West

BY SACHIN BHANDARI

In the game of the week, the Dragons beat the Leafs 6-5 to take sole possession of first place in the Western Conference. The biggest turnout of the season witnessed the game, which turned out to be the game-of-the year.

The Leafs took the lead initially on a goal by Rajwinder Sandhu, but it was a short-lived as Yasser Firoozyan replied for the Dragons. Nav Sohal added another goal to give the Leafs the lead at the break. It could have been a greater deficit for the Dragons if not for solid goaltending by Mark Riopel.

In the second half, the pace of the play picked up – as did the number of penalties. First, Steve Murphy scored to tie the score. One minute later, Jan Maw took a roughing penalty. With Firoozyan already in the box for roughing from the end of the first period, the Leafs had a three-on-one. Harpal Panglia scored on the two-man advantage to give the Leafs the lead again. The Leafs proceeded to score the next goal to take a 4-2 lead.

With less than eight minutes to go, Murphy scored his second goal of the game on a powerplay, and then added another on a nice pass from Darryl Sequeria. Firoozyan then added another goal on a wristshot to give the Dragons their first lead of the game.

The Dragons then started to play a defensive game, but with 1:31 left, Bruno Pellegrino of the Dragons took a high-sticking penalty. Only eight seconds into the penalty, Sandhu completed his hat-trick. However, less than twenty seconds later, Eric Sugar scored on a harmless looking wrist shot to give the Dragons the lead for good. The Leafs tried desparately for the tying goal and pulled their goalie with twenty-five seconds left, but could only manage one shot on net that Riopel saved with ease.

UTM gets crossed by Phys Ed

BY CHANDRA GILBERT

In Tuesday's women's lacrosse game, UTM met Phys. Ed. With star player Jenn Jung out for Phys. Ed. due to injury, the Lady Eagles looked to steal a game. The start of the game showed Khush Amaria drive to the net and rip a shot past the Phys. Ed. goalie to put UTM up 1-0. Phys. Ed. stormed back soon after and put one past Debbie Medeiros to tie the game at one. The game continued in a battle of control as each team sturggled to gain possession of the ball. UTM looked to take a 2-1 lead after Cheryl Penfold hit the back of the net with a goal – which was disallowed due to a crease violation. The Lady Eagles didn't give up as Erin Laporte scored her third of the season and first of the game to give UTM the lead. The score became 3-1 after Chandra Gilbert scored during the next shift. Medeiros stood her ground in net, but Phys. Ed. found the back of the net to bring the game closer, making it 3-2. Near the end of the first half, Erin Sneek seemed to have scored her first goal, but after a stick check, the goal was disallowed since the pocket was deemed illegal. Come half time, the frustrated UTM team tightened their sticks to ensure all the sticks were legal. The second half started with a few quick goals putting Phys. Ed. on top 4-3. The Eagle defence started to press for a goal which allowed Gina Rajack to break away one-on-one with the goalie. Rajack scored, but Phys. Ed. protested the goal again and the goal was disallowed due to an illegal stick. Frustration and fatigue seemed to affect the Lady Eagles. Although Medeiros stood on her head to save many of the shots thrown at her, two more goals slid past her. With the score 6-3, time was running down. Erin Laporte took possession of the ball and scored UTM's last goal. The 6-4 loss showed an outstanding effort by goalie Debbie Medeiros. All the girls played well in this loss. Next week the girls have two games, one against Victoria and the other against New College.

Goodfellas win

BY SACHIN BHANDARI

The Goodfellas finally got their first win of the season with a 9-4 victory over the winless Free Agents.

The game started off as a low-scoring affair with no goals in the first seven minutes of play, but two goals by the Goodfellas less than forty seconds apart and then four more in a span of 4:19 helped to put the game out of reach by the end of the first half.

Each team then scored three goals in the second half, with the nicest one by Sean O'Leary on a breakaway. Belal Sheik led a well-balanced Goodfellas' attack with a hat-trick, while Erik Cisarovsky scored twice and added an assist for the Free Agents.

After starting the season with a tie against HoLoHo and a tough loss to the Leafs, the Goodfellas will probably need to win their remaining two games and to keep their penalty minutes down to make the division one playoffs. The Agents, on the other hand, will probably be in the division two playoffs, but will be a tough foe for whichever Eastern Conference team they get matched up against.

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Big Richards lose

BY MICHAEL HAN

Last Monday, Big Richards lost another game in convincing fashion to HoLoHo to go to 0-3 on the EBHL season. HoLoHo improved to 2-0-1 and had an easy time scoring eight goals to the Big Richards one. HoLoHo controlled the game throughout the match and did not seem to be in any danger of losing. HoLoHo jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first half led by their team captain Yasin Ozturk, who had two goals and an assist in the first half. HoLoHo spread the scoring around before the half ended as Adam Giles, Joe Bakewell, and Dean Graham also scored.

The second half started with the only goal scored by Big Richards. Their new star sniper, Vincent Cheng, blistered a shot from the point that went top corner on HoLoHo goalie Kevin Spence. But beyond Cheng's goal there were very few offensive chances by Big Richards. HoLoHo finished the game strongly by adding three more goals in the second half – two more by Graham and one more by Ozturk.

With very few chances against one of the top goaltenders of the league, the outcome of this game was predictable. The Players of the Game were Yasin Ozturk for HoLoHo, who provided an unstoppable point shot, and Vincent Cheng for Big Richards, who was their only offensive threat. Big Richards were considered to be a threat before the season began, but without key players showing up for games, this team looks like it's headed to division two come playoff time.

Players of the week

EAST – Ray Mukaddam (Waterboyz) – Mukuddam scored four goals and added one assist in the Waterboyz 14 - 1 victory over Fierce.

WEST – Clayton Martin (Goodfellas) – Martin earned the 9 - 4 over the Agents, despite facing twice the amount of shots the Agents did.

MEN'S BALL HOCKEY TOP GOALIES

EAST	GAA	WEST	GAA
Bill Dimitrou (Untouchables)	0.00	Mark Riopel (Dragons)	2.67
John Carrabs (Fury)	1.00	Kevin Spence (HoLoHo)	3.00
Sylvio Cadorin (Waterboyz)	2.00	Sukhzant Dhillon (Leafs)	3.33

MEN'S BALL HOCKEY TOP SCORERS

EAST	G	A	PTS	WEST	G	A	PTS
Neal Carley (Fury)	16	3	19	Steve Murphy (Dragons)	11	4	15
Mike Acedo (Fury)	10	7	17	Rajwinder Sandhu (Leafs)	10	2	12
Chris Carrabs (Fury)	9	8	17	Yasser Firoozyan (Dragons)	5	3	8
Adam Daly (Fury)	5	11	16	Jan Maw (Dragons)	4	4	8
Sean Valles (Untouchables)	11	4	15	Pardeep Nagra (Leafs)	3	5	8
Ravi Uppal (Untouchables)	10	5	15	Yasin Ozturk (HoLoHo)	6	1	7
Bruce Worthington (Fury)	5	9	14	Eric Sugar (Dragons)	2	5	7
Ray Mukaddam (Waterboyz)	9	2	11	Dean Graham (HoLoHo)	5	1	6
Patrick Mifsud (Waterboyz)	5	5	10	Belal Skeik (Goodfellas)	4	1	5
Javis Gillingham (Waterboyz)	4	5	9	Adam Giles (HoLoHo)	3	2	5
				Joe Bakewell (HoLoHo)	3	2	5

Men's ball hockey predictions

The OZ line

BY YASIN OZTURK

Week IV of the UTMBHL has arrived with a reasonably reliable playoff picture in the standings. Crunch time has come for those teams in search for a bye in the first round and for those teams trying to hang on to make the Divisions I playoffs. Others try to secure good Division II playoff standing, while those left will try to prepare themselves for survival in the playoff basement, perhaps looking for trades so they can play their roles as upset underdogs.

Monday's games have the desperate Agents looking for anything against the Leafs, while Goodfellas will look to make their record more respectable against the not so potent Big Richards.

The Leafs should bounce back from a hard loss to the Dragons and put the finishing touches on the Agents' destitute hope of making the Div. I playoffs. Leafs by 4.

The Big Richards will most likely join the Agents in defeat and in Division II playoff action, while the Goodfellas will probably roll to their second win. Goodfellas by 2 or 3.

Tuesday's schedule has no games while Wednesday unfolds a quality match-up with the conference leading Dragons, coming off a "Sugar"-coated win over the Leafs which gave them sole possession of top spot, up against the underdog HoLoHo. Despite their consistency and hard work, HoLoHo will find the toughest competition they've faced in their undefeated franchise history. Dragons by a goal.

Thursday sees triple-header action. First off, the Untouchables will continue their drive to a Division I playoff berth by disposing of the Fierce, whose lack of consistency will probably leave them in the middle of the pack of the Division II playoff group. The main event of the day comes in the 12 o' clock game with the two undefeated titans of the Eastern Conference, both 3-0, the rookie sensation Waterboyz and the UTM legacy Fury. What should be an exciting game will result in a humbling experience that will officially welcome the Waterboyz to the UTMBHL. "The Legacy" by 3. The final day of the game will prove to be both climactic and anticlimactic as the two winless teams of the East, the Renegades and Whoose Moongas, will clash heads for what will be known as "The Battle of the Basement." The Edge: Renegades by 2.

Those of you who are observant might have noticed that there was no preview for the game between the Fury and the Renegades for Week III. I must apologize to the hard working boyz of the Renegades who actually put forth the best challenge the Fury had faced, I must have subconsciously blocked the game out of my mind with the schedule sitting in front of me. Just consider it another correct prediction to my credit, because if you didn't pick the Fury to beat the Renegades last week...I'll be nice and not finish that sentence. Yes Folks, they are that good.

Women's hoopsters smash Scarborough

BY STEVE MANCHUR

UTM's division one basketball team has started the term right where it left off with two straight victories, including a 59-47 victory over Scarborough College. UTM's sluggish start and Scarborough's early red-hot shooting gave Scarborough a slight head start, but UTM overcame that short lead with their intense full court pressure, which caused countless Scarborough turnovers. UTM had a fairly comfortable 25-17 halftime lead.

The second half was much like the first, with UTM playing the game in runs. Anytime Scarborough would creep to within 6 points, UTM would go on an eight to ten point run to regain their comfortable margin, eventually winning 59-37. UTM was led by Marija Kosovski, who played her best game of the year both offensively and defensively. Kosovski had 22 points,

Stephanie Kishimoto had 14, and Ashley Cross had 12. UTM out rebounded a taller Scarborough team with tremendous hustle by Cecilia Lodziak, Natisha Hewitt and Melissa Krist. Marcia Marcelino, Sara Saad and Christine Gonyou all had strong efforts toward the victory.

UTM opened the season with a convincing 50-38 victory over a much improved Engineering squad. Kosovski and Kishimoto again provided the scoring, with 17 and 14 points respectively. UTM hosts Law in their next game, the first matchup since UTM swept Law in the first semester championship series.

Erindale Men's Ball Hockey Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE							WESTERN CONFERENCE						
TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS	TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Fury	3	0	0	45	3	9	Dragons	3	0	0	23	8	9
Waterboyz	3	0	0	30	12	9	HoLoHo	2	0	1	21	9	8
Untouchables	2	1	0	28	11	7	Leafs	2	1	0	20	10	7
Fierce	1	2	0	15	32	5	Goodfellas	1	1	1	16	12	6
Renegades	0	3	0	7	31	3	Agents	0	3	0	11	30	3
Whoose Moon.	0	3	0	3	38	3	Big Richards	0	3	0	2	24	3

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